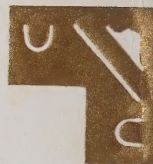
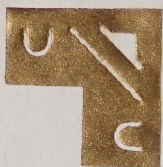
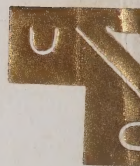




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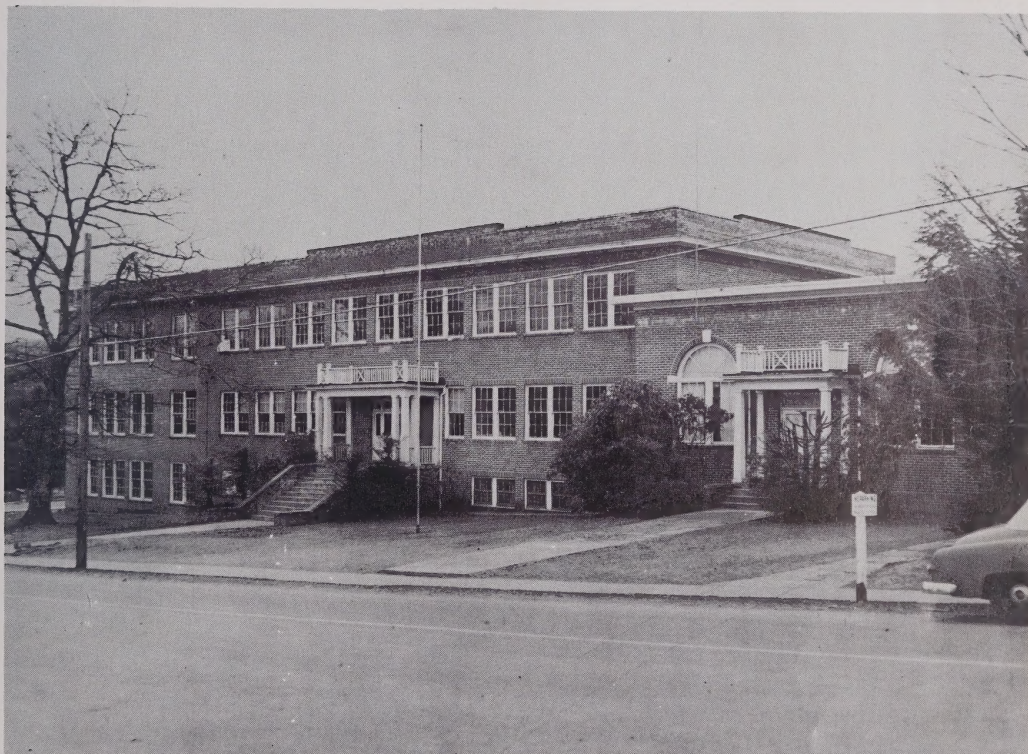
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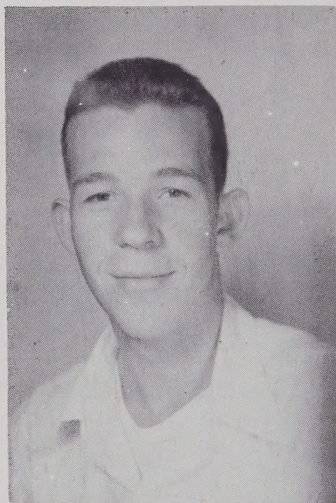


To our friend and chairman of our school board whom we esteem for his effort and diligent labor in raising the scholastic standards of our school, for his influence in ennobling the spirit of the school and for his undeniable fairness to problem and person, this nineteen hundred and fifty-three volume of The Breezes is affectionately dedicated to

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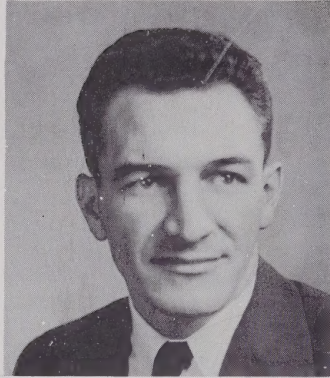
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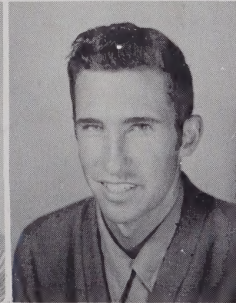
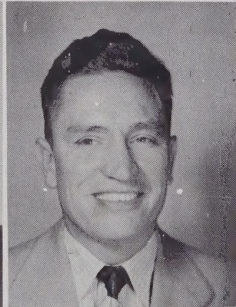
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Master of Arts
1950 Appalachian State



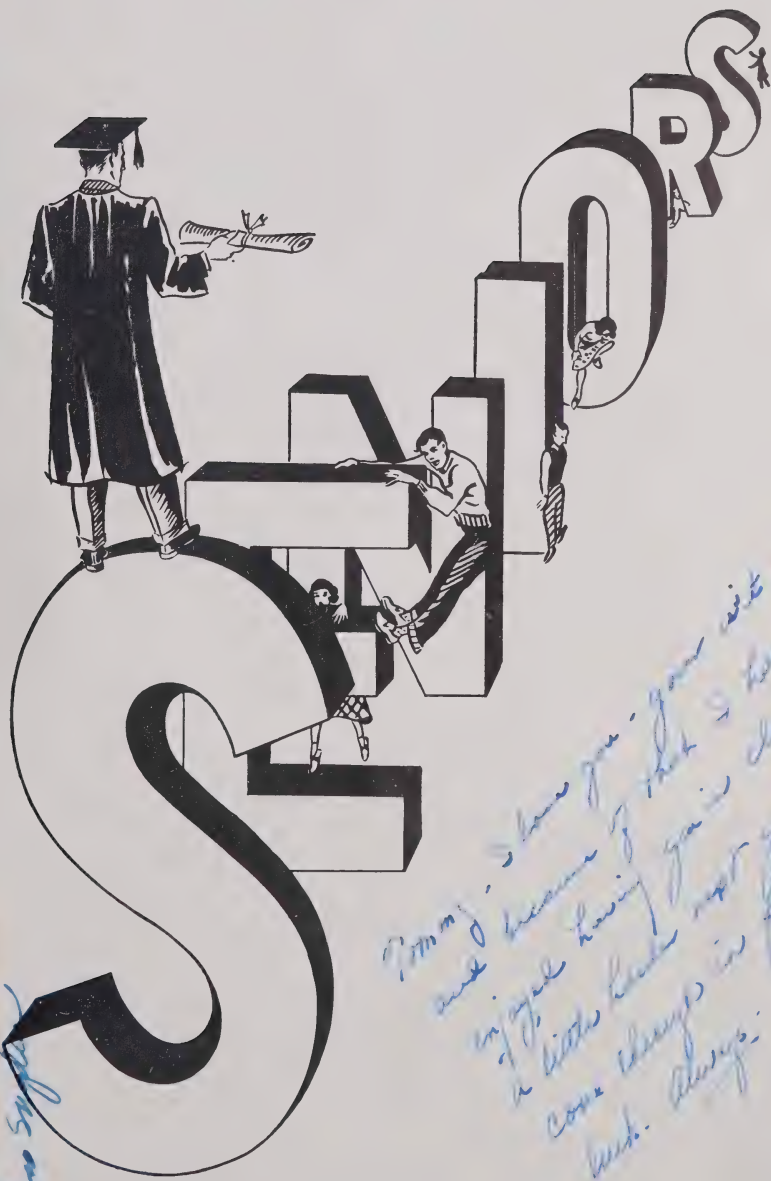
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Tommy - Constant chatter
 has made me laugh many
 times. You show just a
 little next year - I'll miss
 you.
 Miss Sophie



Tommy - I love you - your wife is wonderful
 and because of that I have no family
 enjoyed having you in class. Thanks for
 a little better next year and you will
 come always in for my class! Love
 her. Always: Kathleen Hoke

SENIORS



CLASS OFFICERS

Standing: Edith Storie, A.E. White, Reporters; Arthur Greene, Treasurer;
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Ruppert, President.

MASCOTS

DIANNE DAVANT



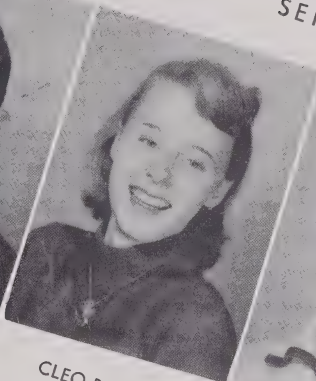
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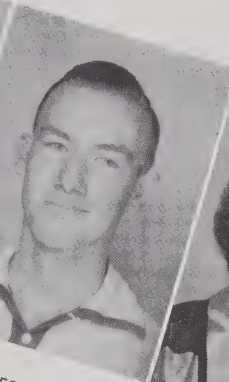
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Baseball 1,2; Basketball
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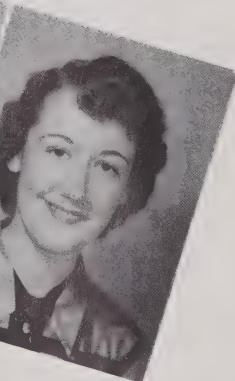
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"Peanut"

Glee Club 2,3; Library
Club 1; Flower Club 1;
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"Mrs."



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Club 4.



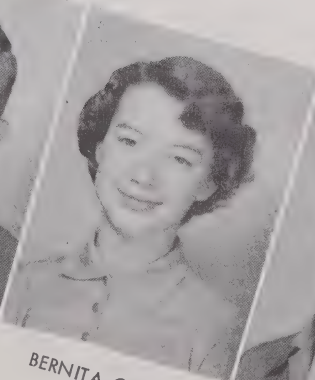
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"Dimples"

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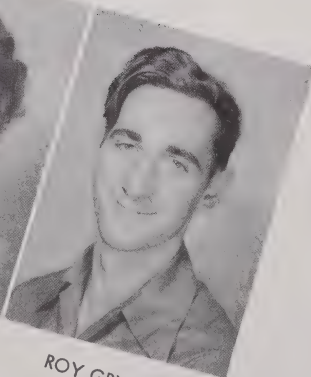
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Club 4.



BERNITA GREENE
"Sis"

Class Officer 2; Home Ec.
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"Clem"

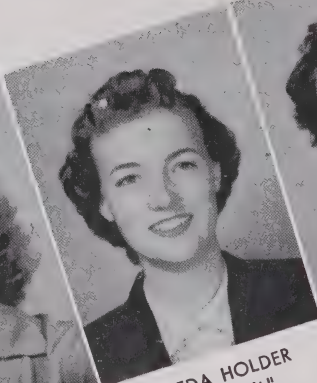
Bus Driver 3; Home Ec.
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ELLEN HAMLET
"Sunset"

Home Ec. 1,2; Glee Club
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Club 3; Basketball 4.



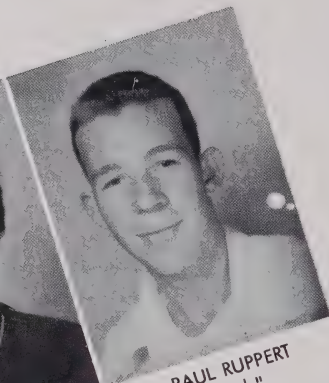
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"Little Bit"

Class Officer 1,2,3; Home
Ec. 1,2; Glee Club 2;
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Club 1; Rocket Jr. Staff
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JEAN MORRISON
"Jeanie"

Teenage Club 1,2,3; Ba-
ketball 4; Home Ec. 4.



PAUL RUPPERT
"Birch"

Class Officer 1,2,3; Ba-
ketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball
1,2,3,4; Class Pres. 4;
Glee Club 4; Home Ec. 2;
Bus Driver 3,4; Annual
Staff; Editor 4; Library
Club 1.



EDITH STORIE
"Edie"

Glee Club 1; Home Ec.
1,2; Library Club 1,2; Ba-
ketball 3,4; Class Officer
1,4; Flower Club 1, 4-H
Club 1.



KATHLEEN TRIPLETT
"Kat"

Library Club 1; Flower
Club 1; Home Ec. Club
2,3; Basketball 1,2,4;
Cheerleader 3; Annual
Staff 4; Rocket Jr. Staff
1; Class Officer 3; 4-H
Club 1,2.



A.E. WHITE

Bus Driver 4; Class Officer
4; Agriculture 1,2,3,4.

CLASS PROPHECY

In our glimpse into the future the first one we see is Joe Bentley. He is now on the staff of the WATAUGA DEMOCRAT as a reporter for the Blowing Rock section. Cleo Ford is prospering and adds a new "FORD" every year. Paul Ruppert has gone into the wholesale grocery business and works all day and stays out all night. Arthur Greene has just won the 500 mile race in a blue Ford convertible. Kathleen Triplett is now head cook at the BOCA RATON HOTEL in Boca Raton, Florida. Theda Holder is now one of the most beautiful hostesses in Washington, D.C. and still campaigning for IKE. Edith Storie is still wishing she was as lucky as Cleo at catching "FORDS." James Ford still rides the COVE CREEK TRAIL in a pickup. Bernita Greene has just become one of Lenoir's "high society". A.E. White is still driving NUMBER 7 to Shulls Mills as back in '53. Martha Gragg is another of our Washington "SOCIALITIES" since becoming the wife of an up and coming engineer. Ellen Hamlet is still riding around in a 39 "CHEVY" and still hoping. Jean Morrison has lived up to her motto, if you can't be near the one you love, then love the one you're near. Some of you may remember Roy Gryder, a '53 graduate, well, whenever you are visiting in DETROIT, be sure and call GENERAL MOTORS for here you'll find Roy an outstanding corporation lawyer.

CLASS HISTORY

Twelve years ago-September 1941-we, as bright eyed little pupils sat up straight in our desks-eager to find out about this new experience we were entering into. We were probably the most excited we had ever been in all our six years. At last we were starting to school!

Oh! that first year! What a vast amount of knowledge we had to acquire and discipline-well-we had to learn the hard way. But we survived and were more experienced when the school bell tolled for our second year. Of course each had his own special friend, but with the passing of years, these friends changed as many moved away and we added new faces.

When we reached the eighth grade we really felt big-"we" were going to be in high school. Some of our bright members "jumped" a grade ahead of us and graduated last year. We hated to lose them too, but we would have probably done the same if we had been as intelligent.

Ninth Grade-We were actually in High School, but when we got there we felt rather small after seeing all these older people around us. And of course we went around in circles trying to find the right rooms, but rooms were not as much of a problem as those looked-up too, yet disliked, dignified Seniors. But we weathered it, and by the end of the year we were already making plans for the next years' Freshmen Class.

Our Sophomore year we were really learning things. The girls were getting crushes on the older boys and the boys in our class were learning there were "cute" girls in school too. We were very proud of our class and the work we had done. Several members were on the basketball team and for those we felt honored because they were Sophomores!

The Junior year had come and by then we knew there was something to school besides a lot of fun-it meant work and that's what we did. To raise money for the Junior-Senior Banquet we had square dances and we also gave the Junior Play. Our work was not in vain because the Banquet turned out very nice and was enjoyed by all. But the thing we enjoyed most that year was the trip to Washington which we made with the Seniors.

Finally! we are Dignified Seniors and we are proud of the way we have learned to work together. But most of all, we are very grateful to all the wonderful teachers we have had, that have helped to make us what we are. Now as we begin to prepare for that big day-Graduation-we wish to say, Blowing Rock School has been fun and a lot of hard work, but with our joys and sorrows during school we look back on B.R.H.S. with affection wishing the best to our dear ole' Alma-Mater.

SUPERLATIVES



MOST POPULAR
Joe Bentley & Edith Storie



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Ellen Hamlet & Theda Holder



MOST BEAUTIFUL - Theda Holder
MOST HANDSOME - Arthur Greene

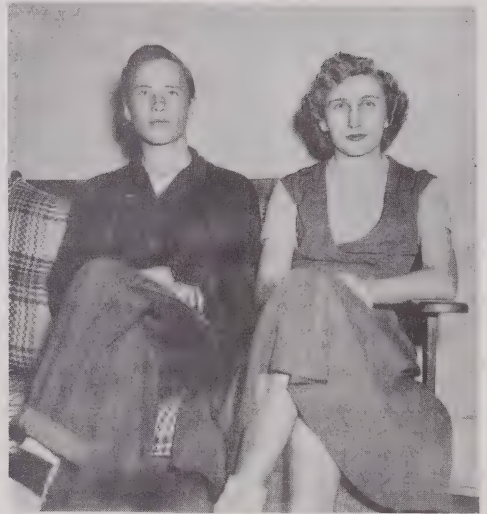


NEATEST
James Ford
Cleo Ford

SUPERLATIVES



MOST DEPENDABLE
Roy Gryder & Jean Morrison



MOST DIGNIFIED
A.E. White & Kathleen Triplett



BEST ALL AROUND
Martha Gragg & Paul Ruppert



MOST ATHLETIC
Bernita Greene & Paul Ruppert

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the class of 1953, of Blowing Rock High School, city of Blowing Rock, and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following hereby revoking any will, or wills, heretofore made by us.

First: We direct that all our debts and goodtime expenses be fully paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently may be, after our departure. We, the Senior Class of '53 do hereby bequeath our numerous possessions thusly:

ARTICLE I

To Mr. Storie, our thanks and gratitude for the many times he has guided and consoled us.

ARTICLE II

I, Kathleen Triplett, leave my First Aid notes to Jean Presnell, so that next year she won't have to study so hard.

I, James Ford, leave part of my interests in Cove Creek to James Craig.

I, Ellen Hamlet, leave my parking place in Echo Park to William and Nola.

I, Joe Bentley, leave my place as timekeeper to Steve Pierce--but he must furnish his own girl. Ann is private property.

I, Jean Morrison, leave my "sweater girl" figure to Barbara Coffey.

I, Edith Storie, leave my ability to flirt with referees to Coleen Triplett.

I, Paul Ruppert, leave my position as a bus driver to anyone who's fool enough to take it.

I, Cleo Ford, leave my ability to get married before graduation to anyone who thinks she's smart enough to catch a man.

I, A.E. White, leave my title "MOST DIGNIFIED" to Roby Weaver.

I, Roy C. Gryder, leave my ability to resist women to Doil Ford.

I, Theda Holder, give, bequeath, and devise, to Audrey Hollars of the Junior Class, with full and inalienable right to her and her heirs forever in recognition of past valuable services rendered, all the beaux I possess, except one, with my wishes for her safety and peace.

I, Arthur Greene, leave my ability to get out of Miss Snyder's study hall to David Greene.

I, Martha Gragg, leave to Caroline Greene, who is soon to become a Junior, all my stupidity and facility for blundering at the simplest tasks, also, all the beautiful ease with which I forget, set aside and banish forever the difficult ones.

I, Bernita Greene, will my ability to catch my own man to Mary Kent Brown, instead of chasing someone else's.

Any Beneficiary attempting to subvert, overturn, nullify or in any way interfere with the provisions of this document, shall not only be deprived of all rights and privileges therein granted to him or her, but shall be sentenced to hard labor, for one or five years, according to the descretion of the court, at the nearest soda water fountain.

Herunto have I set my hand and seal.

"Class of 1953"

CLASSES



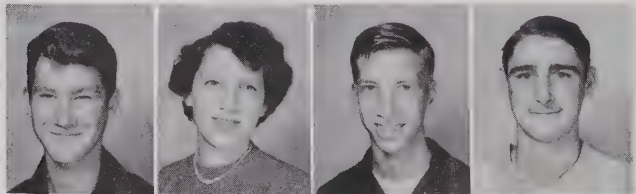
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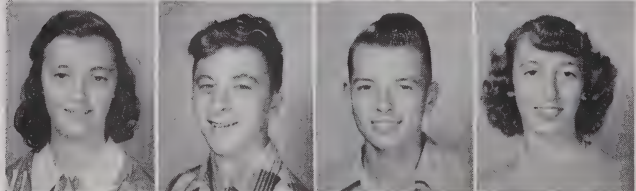
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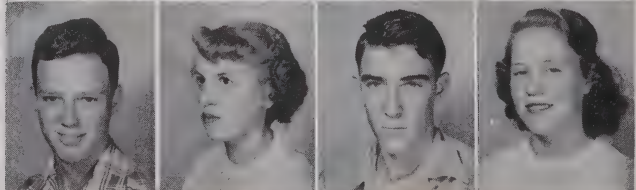
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Max Greene
Audrey Hollars



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SOPHOMORES



CLASS OFFICERS

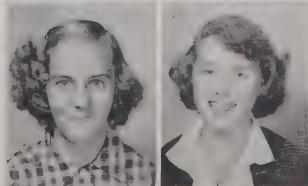
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Evelyn Craig
Edwin Daye
Ted Dotson
Doil Ford
Betty Foster

Caroline Greene
Bobby Hampton
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Shirley Hollars
Wade Hollars
Anne Lett
Bill Moody



Coleen Triplett
Barbara White



FRESHMEN

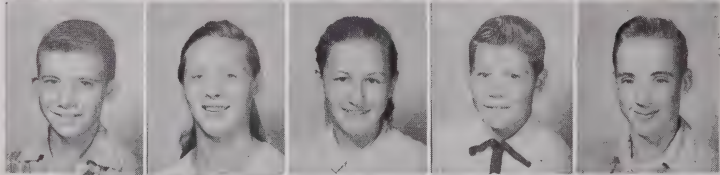
*My very Best
Wishes & lots
of luck to you.
Barbara Coffey
Oct 1935*

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Left to right: David Greene, Reporter; Willa Belle Coffey, Secretary and Treasurer; Billy Miller, President; Valerie Miller, Vice-President.

Frank Auton
Barbara Coffey
Willa Belle Coffey
Jerry Cooke
Tommy Cooke



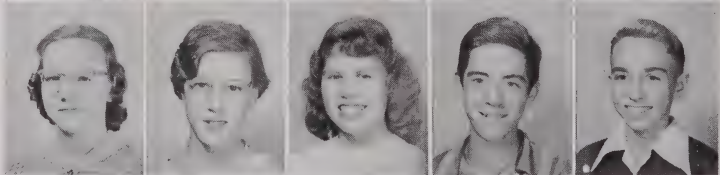
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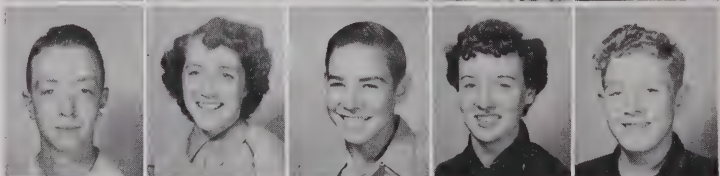
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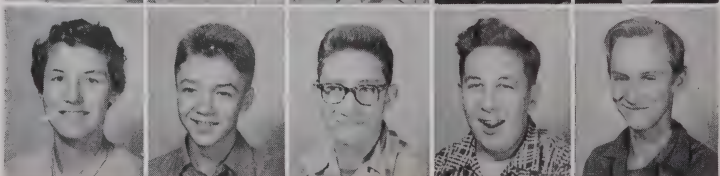
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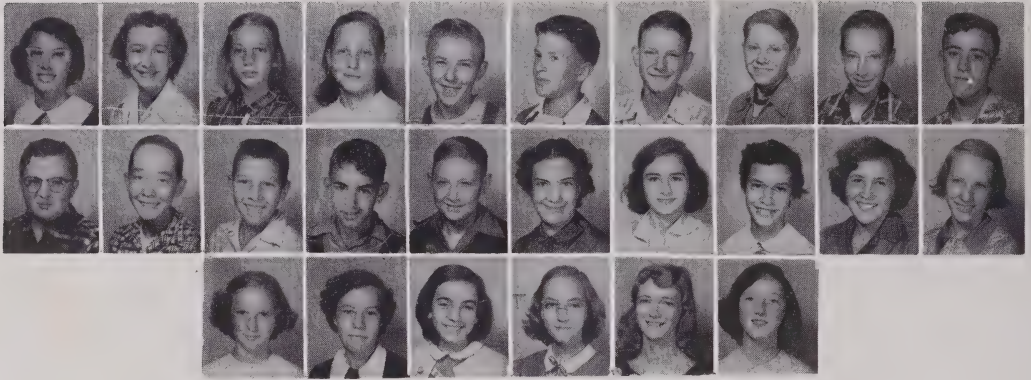
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Elementary Grades

ELEMENTARY GRADES



Mrs. R.C. Greene
Eighth Grade



Mr. Jack Hodges
Seventh Grade



Mrs. Glenn Winkler
Sixth Grade

ELEMENTARY GRADES

Mrs. Kent Brown
Fifth Grade



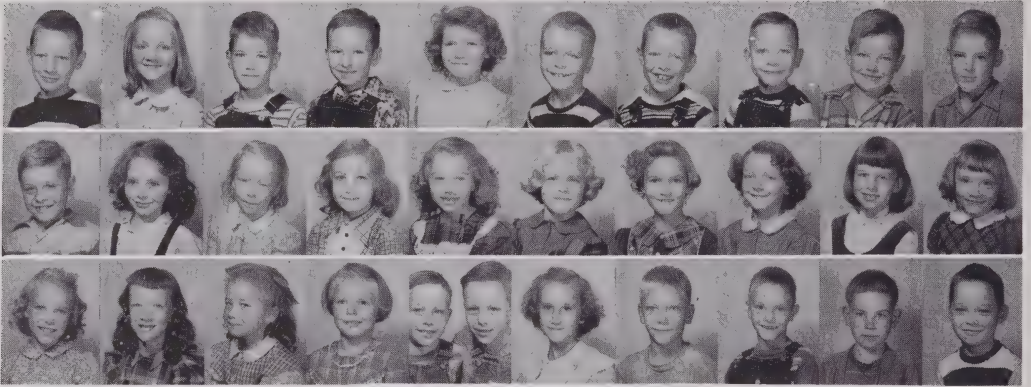
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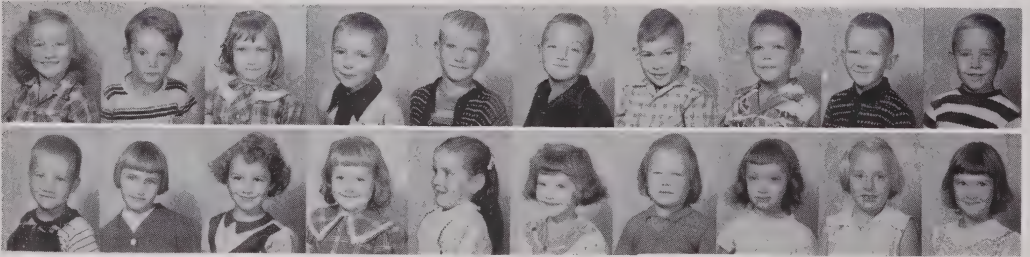
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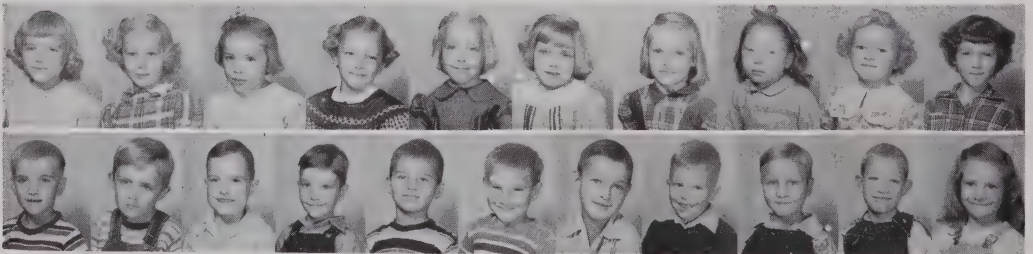
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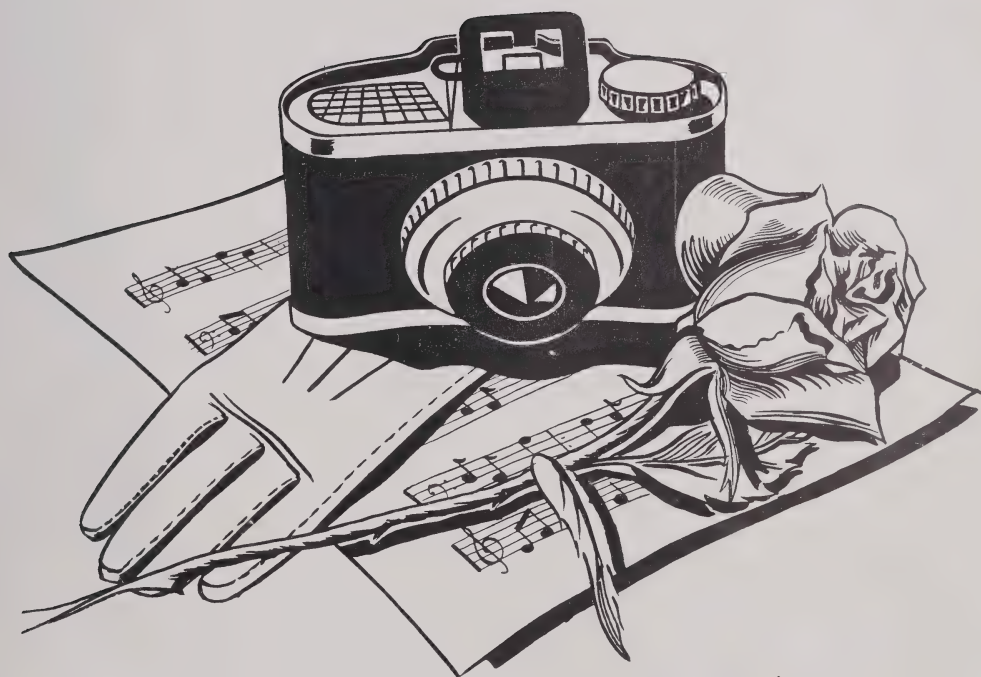
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Second Grade



Mrs. J.C. Yoder
First Grade



Mrs. D.J. Whitener
First Grade



Activities

ACTIVITIES



Mrs. R. C. Greene
4-H CLUB



Miss Francis Snyder, Director
HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

ACTIVITIES



Mrs. Charles Brown, Director
GLEE CLUB



BUS DRIVERS

Standing, left to right: Cloy Pennell, Caretaker; Roby Weaver, Paul Ruppert, James Ford. Sitting: A.E. White, Joe Bentley.

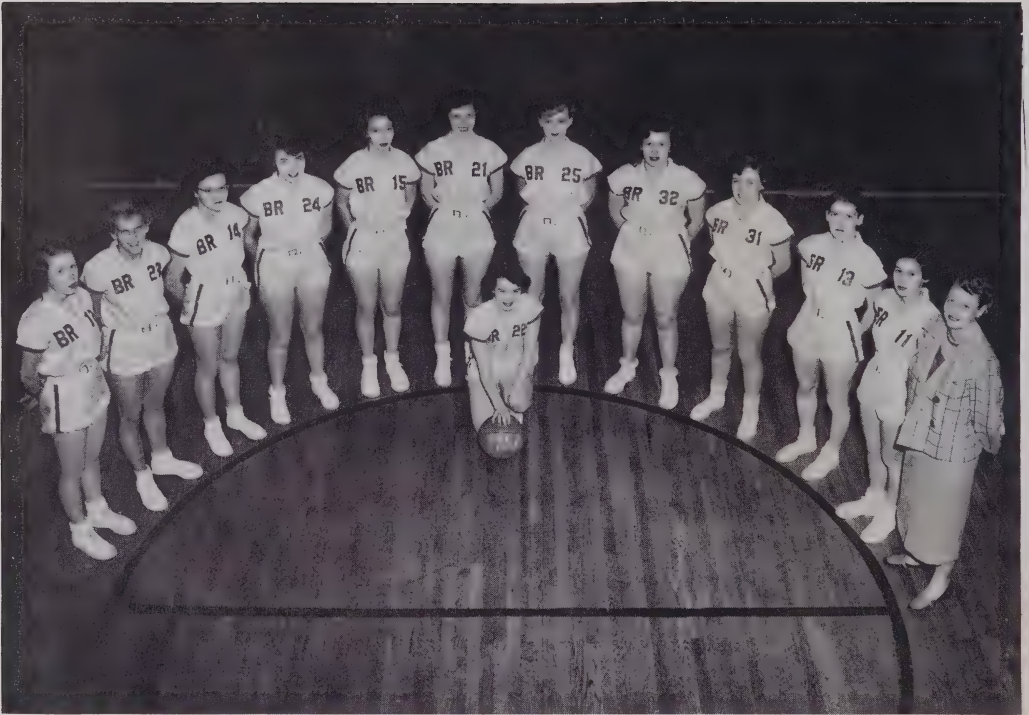
SNAPSHOTS



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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Left to right, standing: Peggy White, Coleen Triplett, Joyce Hollars, Jean Morrison, Jean Presnell, Anne Lett, Edith Storie, Caroline Greene, Pat Morrison, Ellen Hamlet, Evelyn Craig, Coach Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Jr. Kneeling: Captain, Bernita Greene.

Won	
Bethel	30 - 28
Bethel	58 - 57
Mt. Pleasant	29 - 27
Collettsville	48 - 46

Lost	
Happy Valley	58 - 28
Gamewell	42 - 26
Mt. Pleasant	52 - 31
Traphill	32 - 27
Newland	41 - 40
Bethel	43 - 25
Happy Valley	68 - 28
Appalachian	50 - 34
Traphill	34 - 26
Cove Creek	32 - 29
Cranberry	38 - 22
Crossnore	32 - 27
Gamewell	42 - 25
Cove Creek	39 - 22
Crossnore	65 - 27

SPORTS



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Left to right, kneeling: William Edmisten, Roby Weaver, David Greene, Paul Rupert, James Craig. Standing: Manager, Arthur Greene; Manager, Joe Bentley; Roger Hartley, Ted Dotson, Billy Moody, Doil Ford, Max Greene, Coach H. C. Lentz.

Won	
Bethel	48 - 32
Bethel	61 - 36
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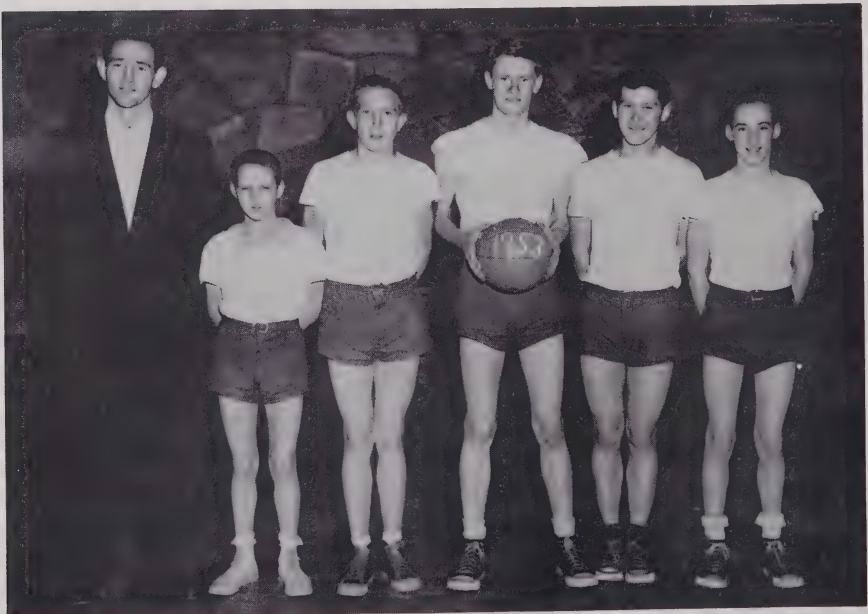
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Cove Creek	55 - 38
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SPORTS



CHEERLEADERS

Nola Gragg, Jeanette Payne



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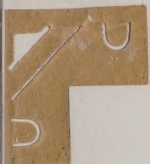
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